

(Emphasis added)

“Throughout its more than 30-year history, the U.S. international family planning program has had strong support from the American public as well as Congress. This program is recognized worldwide as an important component of our foreign assistance. The United States remains the largest bilateral donor of population assistance in the world, with programs in nearly 60 countries. **We have also been the largest bilateral donor to UNFPA, providing more than \$610 million since UNFPA was founded in 1968....**As President Bush has said, "One of the best ways to prevent abortion is to provide quality voluntary family planning services." And we know that reproductive health care and family planning saves lives by reducing pregnancy-related deaths around the world.

I know that Secretary Powell has testified before you and your colleagues on the good work UNFPA has done in so many areas around the world. **We support the work UNFPA is doing worldwide to provide safe and voluntary family planning, enhance maternal and infant health, and prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS....**

In closing, let me reiterate this Administration's strong commitment to international family planning. As I mentioned, we are, and continue to be, the largest bilateral provider of voluntary family planning and related primary health care.”